

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Tribal Council Meeting  
March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1997  
9:00 a.m.**

**Closed Session:** A closed session was conducted.

**Called To Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m.

**Opening Ceremony:** Opening ceremony was conducted by Frank Ettawageshik.

**Council Present:** Alice Yellowbank, Frank Ettawageshik, Barry Laughlin, George Anthony, Patti Dyer-Deckrow

**Council Absent:** Shirley Oldman

**Staff Present:** Susan Keller, Gary Shomin

**Guests Present:** See attached guest list.

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**AGENDA:**

The agenda was reviewed and amended.

**Motion** was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** to approve agenda as amended.

**Vote:** 5 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**BILLS:**

Bills were reviewed.

**Motion** as made by **Alice Yellowbank** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to approve the bills as amended.

**Vote:** 6 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**Francis Killer & Associates**

Discussion was held regarding an extension of the Francis Killer & Associates Contract and the vacancies in the Accounting Department.

**Motion** was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** to approve the extension of the Francis Killer & Associates Contract authorizing Chairman Ettawageshik to sign the contract.

**Vote:** 5 YES                      0 NO                      1 **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**Comments:** See attached statement.

**Organizational Chart**

The Organizational Chart was reviewed.

**Council Arrives:** Shirley Oldman arrived at 10:49 p.m.

**Motion** was made by **Alice Yellowbank** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to adopt the Organizational Chart for Calendar Year ending December 31, 1997. This motion supersedes the motion made on March 2, 1997.

**Vote:** 5 YES                      0 NO                      2 **George Anthony & Shirley Oldman** ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**Indirect Status Report**

Janet Shomin & Chairman Ettawageshik gave a brief discussion on the Indirect Cost Rate.

**Motion** was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to approve per diem, travel, and lodging for Frank Ettawageshik and Janet Shomin to attend 1997 Indirect Cost Rate negotiations in Washington D.C.

**Vote:** 5 YES    0 NO    2 **Alice Yellowbank & Patti Dyer-Deckrow** ABSTAINED    **Motion Carried**

### **Tribal Council Folders**

A discussion was held regarding the work that needs to be completed by the Tribal Council Treasurer, Janet Shomin, concerning Tribal Council advance folders. It was agreed by Council that original documentation should not be taken to the Treasurer's home to complete this but rather the information should be copied and forwarded to the Treasurer.

See attached statement from Patti Dyer-Deckrow.

### **Letter from Francis Killer**

A discussion was held regarding social security numbers that need to be obtained for the commissioners on the NRC Commission. A form will be provided to the NRC staff to complete at their next NRC meeting.

**Recess:** A recess was called at 12:20 Meeting called back to order at 12:42 p.m.

### **1997 Program Budgets**

Marcia Sutton distributed budget information to Tribal Council. It was stated that the Indirect budget is going to the Inspector General's office in the next two days.

### **National Indian Housing Council**

George Gaasvig, a Technical Assistance Specialist gave a verbal and written presentation on housing assistance. He informed Council of the process that needed to be completed in order to gain these funds.

**Motion** was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to add the Odawa Housing Council Ordinance on today's legislative agenda.

**Vote:** 7 YES    0 NO    0 ABSTAINED    **Motion Carried**

**Motion** was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to consider the Odawa Housing Council Statute under the legislative provisions act 199509 Section 4b.

**Vote:** 7 YES    0 NO    0 ABSTAINED    **Motion Carried**

Council reviewed the Odawa Housing Council Ordinance section by section.

**RECESS:** A recess was called at 3:00 p.m.. The meeting was called back to order at 3:21 p.m.

**Motion** was made by **Shirley Oldman** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** to adopt Waganakising Odawak Statute 1997003

**Vote:** 7 YES    0 NO    0 ABSTAINED    **Motion Carried**

**Motion** was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to appoint Shirley Oldman, Janet Shomin, Alice Yellowbank, Patti Dyer-Deckrow, & George Anthony to the Odawa Housing Council.

**Vote:** 7 YES    0 NO    0 ABSTAINED    **Motion Carried**

**Motion** was made by **Alice Yellowbank** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to appoint Patti Dyer-Deckrow as Chairperson for the Odawa Housing Council.

**Vote:** 7 YES    0 NO    0 ABSTAINED    **Motion Carried**

The terms of office for the Housing Council is as follows: Janet Shomin - 4 years, Shirley Oldman - 2 years, Alice Yellowbank - 1 year, George Anthony - 4 years, Patti Dyer-Deckrow 3 years.

Chairman Ettawageshik and Barry Laughlin sworn in the above mentioned to the Odawa Housing Council.

**Motion** was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** to designate \$500.00 from the Development Account for start up of the Odawa Housing Council.

**Vote:** 7 YES      0 NO      0 ABSTAINED      **Motion Carried**

**Public Comment:** Public comment opened at 4:16 p.m. No public comment was issued. Public comment closed at 4:16 p.m.

### MINUTES:

**Motion** was made by and was **Seconded** by to approve minutes as.

**Vote:** \_ YES      \_ NO      \_ ABSTAINED      **Motion Carried**

### Phone Polls

**Motion** was made by **Shirley Oldman** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to accept phone poll.

**Vote:** 5 YES      1 Alice Yellowbank NO      \_ ABSTAINED      **Motion Carried**

### Phone Poll

Marilyn Williams

**Motion** was made by **Shirley Oldman** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to approve phone poll.

**Vote:** 5 YES      0 NO      0 ABSTAINED      **Motion Carried**

### Tribal Administrator's Report

Written resignation of Tribal Administrator was discussed.

**Motion** was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to accept the written resignation of the Tribal Administrator.

**Vote:** 6 YES      0 NO      0 ABSTAINED      **Motion Carried**

Alice Yellowbank read Patti Dyer-Deckrow's statement regarding the written resignation of the Tribal Administrator.

### Commodities

Janet Sagataw presented a request for a Resolution of support.

**Recess:** Recess was called at 5:26 p.m. Meeting was called back to order at 5:47 p.m.

### March 21 Letter from Francis Killer

This letter was reviewed. The issue of Tribal Administrator's duties were reviewed.

**Motion** was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Shirley Oldman** to designate the Tribal Chairman to assume the interim position of the acting Tribal Administrator.

**Vote:** 6 YES      0 NO      0 ABSTAINED      **Motion Carried**

**Motion** was made by **Shirley Oldman** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** authorizing Chairman Ettawageshik to stay up to three days at the Comfort Inn while acting as interim Tribal Administrator to come from the Administrator's budget..

**Vote:** 6 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

In Chairman Ettawageshik's absence Susan will attend meetings in his absence.

### **Tribal Chairman's Report**

Issues such as Commodity Foods Issue, NRC building on Stewart property.

### **Travel Policy**

The Travel Policy was reviewed and amended.

**Motion** was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to adopt **Resolution #02239701** in support of check signer revoking.

**Vote:** 6 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**Motion** was made by **Shirley Oldman** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** to approve the Tribal Travel Policy.

**Vote:** 6 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**Motion** was made by George and was **Seconded** by Alice

**Vote:** 6 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**Janet Shomin left at 8:06 p.m.**

**Recess:** 2 minutes recess to look at the Comet.

### **Background Check Release Form**

**Motion** was made by Barry Laughlin and was **Seconded** by George Anthony in support of the Background Check Release Form.

**Vote:** 5 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**Motion** was made by **Shirley Oldman** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** to join the Harbor Springs Chamber of Commerce up to \$100.00 taking from the Development Account.

**Vote:** 5 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**Motion** was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Shirely Oldman** to approve the Cell Phone for the Police Department from their budget.

**Vote:** 5 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

### **1996 Law Enforcement Budget Modification**

The budget modification for the Law Enforcement office was discussed .

**Motion** was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** for budget modification

**Vote:** 5 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

Shirley feels that the person should sign it and have a place for printing it on top of this form.

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2 **NRC Appointments:**

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4 The commissioner did not have the letters of intent for the NRC commission from the three current  
5 commissioners.

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7 **Motion** was made by **Barry** and was **Seconded** by George Anthony table  
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9 **Election Board**

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11 **Motion** was made by **George** and was **Seconded** by Shirley to table.

12 **Vote:** \_ YES \_ NO \_ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

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14 **Holy Childhood**

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16 Motion was made by George Anthony and seconded by Alice Yellowbank to go into closed session at 8:51 p.m.

**Closed Session at 8:51**

Phil Ludos was implied that he set up the GTB police force. Not true he trained some members.

Did background check. Former employee of GTB requested background check. Under assumption he had been employee of GTB. Knew nothing of Ludos. The poice chief of GTB called back and stated that there are two things needed to know about **Phil** and a background check should be done.

Chairman received a call from Chief of Police from GTB. Spoken with council member of LTBB and then spoke with George Bennett. Geoge called directly that a background check should be done. Denny has provided technical assistance on background checks and offered serve. Phil had already submitted to a background check. Should we go further and do a more detailed investigation. 3 issues raised. Hiring for this person references should have been checked. Checklist needs to be done. Frank will chedk with API contract to see if it will cover this background check. Pyaing up to \$500.00 for this.

**Motion** was made by **Barry** and was **Seconded** by **George** to hire API to do background investigation of Phil Ludos.

**Vote:** 5 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion**

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2 Motion was made by George and was **Seconded** by Shirley to go out of closed session.  
3 **Vote:** \_ YES \_ NO \_ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**  
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5 **Motion** was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **AliceYellowbank** to adjourn meeting**Motion** was  
6 made by **at 9:05 p.m.**